

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Restriction Requirement of February 25, 2005. Following entry of this paper, prompt examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested. New claims 19-22 are added herein. No original claims are cancelled.

In the Action of February 25, 2005, the Office alleges that the following groups of claims are directed to independent and distinct inventions and requires that Applicant elect one claim group for present examination. The claim groups are:

- (1) Claims 13-18; and
- (2) Claims 1-12.

In response, Applicant hereby elects Group 1, claims 13-18. Consequently, claims 1-12 are labeled as "withdrawn" above. Newly added claims 19-22 read on the elected invention and should therefore be examined with claims 13-18.

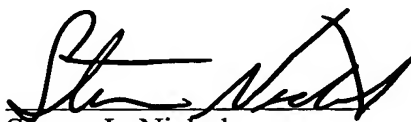
Additionally, Applicant traverses the present Restriction Requirement. The Restriction Requirement of February 25, 2005 mischaracterized the relationship between the two sets of claims as process of making and product made. Actually, for example, claim 1 and claim 13 are related as product and method of using the product.

Consequently, for the restriction to be proper, it must be shown that the product of claim 1 could be used in a materially different method than that of claim 13, or that the method of claim 13 could be performed with a materially different product than that of claim 1. Until such a showing has been made, the restriction requirement made in the Action of February 25, 2005 is improper and should not be sustained. Applicant, therefore, requests that the restriction requirement of February 25, 2005 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to file continuation or divisional applications to the non-elected claims or to any subject matter disclosed in the present application.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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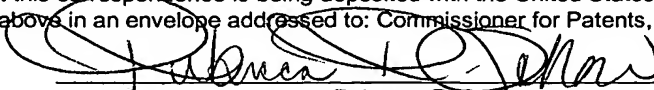
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